

**SMILE Board Meeting Minutes**  
**June 19, 2024**  
**at SMILE Station**

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Procedural

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Pat Hainley, Treasurer; Eric Norberg, Secretary

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Elaine O’Keefe, Grant Huling, Bob

Burkholder, Jim Friscia, Zack Duffly, Tracy Fisher, Suzanne Kruse,

Jason Sturgill

**GUESTS:** (none)

With SMILE President David Dugan and SMILE Vice President Elizabeth Milner both unable to attend the meeting this evening, Dugan had appointed former SMILE President and current Board Member Elaine O’Keefe to preside over this meeting.

O’Keefe called the meeting to order in the restored and remodeled upstairs meeting room at SMILE Station, at 7:32 p.m. — and began by asking for a review of the May 15, 2024, Board Meeting minutes. After the review, Bob Burkholder moved the minutes be accepted and Pat Hainley seconded the motion, when then passed unanimously.

Zack Duffly reported on how well the new “Summer Solstice” parade in Sellwood had gone – taking place in sunshine, amid the showers which had immediately preceded and followed the parade. Elaine observed that people seemed to have great fun during the parade.

Grant Huling told the Board that the “Safety Workshop” held at SMILE Station last night was successful, with “astute and useful stuff” covered for those attending. The presenters plan to come back for another workshop later in the year. The number of attendees in such workshops is between 6 and 25. The workshop was promoted, this time, to the SMILE email list and by posting a flyer in the community created by the presenters. Grant, who chairs the SMILE Crime Prevention Committee – often referred to informally as the “Public Safety Committee” – also announced that an NRT Officer presence is expected at our October General Meeting.

Jim Friscia, reporting for the SMILE Events Committee, told the Board that all our summer events this year have been scheduled, and a poster is in the process of being composed; “it should be printed next week.” He added that he has just applied to the OLCC for a license to sell beer and wine at SMILE summer concerts as a fundraiser for the first time this year. He is now seeking help from Board Members in the setup and break down for each concert. He is holding aside the last Saturday in August, on which nothing is currently scheduled, as a potential makeup date, in case of the need to cancel or postpone one of the scheduled concerts for weather or some other reason. He is still exploring the idea of selling snacks along with beer and wine at these concerts.

Grant Huling, who also chairs our Transportation Committee, said that the committee had examined various neighborhood sites for a street closure for a proposed “People’s Plaza” for use as a public gathering space, as proposed by a group of SMILE members at a recent SMILE General Meeting – and the committee is contemplating seeking public input on three possible locations for such a plaza – locations which could each be closed for a one-week test period – to test public response.

Elaine O’Keefe brought up plans for SMILE to present a Candidates Forum in the fall for the two new District 4 City Council seats – and she added that the 1-4 p.m. period on Sunday afternoon, October 6, has now been reserved at SMILE Station for such a forum. The next step, she said, is to invite all the candidates for the District 4 seats on the new City Council to appear at the forum.

Treasurer Pat Hainley made a brief SMILE financial report: We have \$32,000 in the bank and \$105,000 in investments in our current fiscal year, to date, as of May. He added, “We are \$24,000 ahead of budget, at this point in the year.”

At this point, Elaine O’Keefe declared an Executive Session to discuss SMILE’s ongoing negotiations with the city; no public minutes were taken of this Executive Session.

-----**EXECUTIVE SESSION, 8:24 p.m.**-----

-----**EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED AT 8:49 p.m.**-----

With the public meeting officially resuming, Suzanne Kruse asked about the progress of our effort to obtain free use of Sellwood Park for “Sundae in the Park” this August, as obtained in past years by citing it as our neighborhood’s “National Night Out” event for the year. There was no specific answer to that question at this point. She also asked about the status of the city permitting for individual block parties this summer in local areas of the neighborhood. No specific information was forthcoming on that question.

With no other items on the agenda or brought up from the floor, Pat Hainley moved the meeting be adjourned; Suzanne seconded the motion; and the Board passed the motion with evident unanimity at 8:54 p.m.